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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, PRIME MINISTER MORARJI DESAI
JUNE 27 LABELLED AS A "COMPLETE LIE" REPORTS THAT INDIA
WAS TRYING TO BLOCK THE FRENCH SALE OF A REPROCESSING PLANT
TO PAKISTAN. ASKED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN SRINAGAR
ABOUT A RADO PAKISTAN REPORT THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO DO SO
DURING HIS RECENT PARIS VISIT, THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT
NEITHER HE NOR THE FRENCH PRESIDENT HAD MENTIONED THE
SUBJECT DURING THEIR TALKS. "I AM NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH
MANEUVERS" DESAI REPORTEDLY SAID.

2. ON INDO-PAK RELATIONS, DESAI REPORTEDLY SAID THAT WHILE
INDIA WOULD DO EVERYTHING ON HER PART TO RESTORE RELATIONS,
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THE OTHER SIDE WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND. INDIA'S OFFER OF A NO-
WAR PACT, HE SAID, WAS STILL OPEN AND THERE SHOULD BE FREE
MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT HE ADVOCATED
OPENING THE SRINAGAR-RAWALPINDI ROAD, HE REPORTEDLY
REPLIED THAT FREE MOVEMENT COULD HAPPEN ONLY WHEN
RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN WERE "ABSOLUTELY GOOD"
AND IT WAS NOT A QUESTION FOR INDIA ALONE TO DECIDE. SOME

PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE DEMAND FOR A PLEBESCITE IN KASHMIR, DESAI SAID THE ISSUE WAS DEAD AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. SAMACHAR ADDS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THERE COULD NOT BE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING INDO-PAKISTANI TIES AT PRESENT IN VIEW OF THE INTERNAL TROUBLES OF PAKISTAN. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "IT IS NOT PROPER TO TROUBLE TROUBLED PEOPLE."

3. FOREIGN MINISTER A. B. VAJPAYEE, ALSO ON A CAMPAIGN TOUR IN JAMMU, REPORTEDLY TOLD A MEETING JUNE 27 THAT "WE ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY WITH PAKISTAN, FOR WHICH WE HAVE EXTENDED OUR HAND OF FRIENDSHIP BUT IT IS NOT A ONE-SIDED AFFAIR." REPORTEDLY STRESSING INDO-PAKISTAN FRIENDSHIP, VAJPAYEE SAID THAT POVERTY IS THE COMMON ENEMY AND BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD WORK JOINTLY TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND MAKE THE SUBCONTINENT A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS PLACE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INDIA'S OWN WIRE SERVICE, SAMACHAR, ALSO PUBLISHED A REPORT JUNE 21 FROM PARIS THAT DESAI HAD RAISED THE REPROCESSING PLANT ISSUE IN PARIS (REFTEL), THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS ARE THE FIRST PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE STROY THAT WE HAVE SEEN. DESAI'S ACERBIC ANSWER MAY RESULT NOT ONLY FROM WHAT HE APPARENTLY KNOWS TO BE THE INACCURACY OF THE STORY BUT ALSO HIS ANNOYANCE AT INDIA'S BEING DRAWN INTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT IS A CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT INTERNATIONALLY AND IN PAKISTANI DOMESTIC POLITICS. THE OVERALL TONE OF BOTH DESAI'S AND VAJPAYEE'S REMARKS IN KASHMIR (WHERE THEY ARE BOTH ON THE STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN TRAIL) AGAIN REFLECTS THE CONCILIATORY AND NON-CONTENTIOUS APPROACH TO INDO-PAK RELATIONS WHICH THE JANATA GOVERNMENT HAS PURSUED IN ITS THREE MONTHS IN POWER.GOHEEN

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